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Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC)

Free Service for Nonprofits. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides nonprofit and government representatives with funding information at its Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). This computer center provides access to funding databases, as well as the Internet. Staff is available to provide information on additional resources. The GIRC is located at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 1130 North. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

Special Announcements

REGISTER NOW for the 2006 Public-Private Partnership Conference. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD), in partnership with Citibank, the Center for Nonprofit Advancement, and the Alliance for Nonprofit Management,* will host its 8th Annual Public-Private Partnership conference—*Moving Forward: Continued Commitment to Building Partnerships.* Workshops will focus on writing proposals, managing grants, building partnerships, finding funding, and more. Attendees will be able to access an extensive exhibit hall for additional information. The all-day conference will be held at George Washington University's Marvin Center on October 30, 2006. For further information and

to register, go to: www.regonline.com/104901; or contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900 or the Center for Nonprofit Advancement at (202) 457-0540.

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE. Finding Funders: Grantseeking Basics and an Introduction to The Foundation Directory Online. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD), in partnership with the Foundation Center,* will host an introductory class on grantseeking basics. The session will provide an overview of the funding research process for those seeking grants from foundations, corporations, and grantmaking public charities. In addition, there will be a demonstration of how to use the Foundation Center's Web site and online databases (The Foundation Directory Online) to find funders interested in supporting your organization and its programs. Other free resources available at OPGD's Grants Information Resource Center and the Foundation Center's library will also be discussed. The session will take place on September 14, 2006, 9:30 a.m. – noon, at the City-Wide Conference Center, One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 1107 South, Washington, DC. For further information and to register, contact the Foundation Center at (202) 331-1400; or go to: http://foundationcenter.org/washington/gbopgddc.html.

Federal Opportunities

Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants. *National Endowment for the Humanities* announces funds for planning or initial stages of digital initiatives in all areas of the humanities including: research that brings new digital approaches to the study of the

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humanities or that examines the implications of the use of emerging technologies for humanities scholarship; new digital modes of publication facilitating the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic as well as informal or formal educational settings at all academic levels; exploration of digital methods or approaches to preserve, archive, and make accessible traditional (i.e., analogue) and "new media" resources in the humanities; planning new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible humanities data; and programs addressing the innovative use of emerging digital technologies in formal and informal educational settings, including public forums such as museums, libraries, historic sites, and broadcast media, and K-12 schools and post-secondary institutions. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is November 15, 2006. Approximately $300,000 is available to fund 10 awards, ranging from $5,000-$30,000. For further information, contact Brett Bobley at (202) 606-8401 or dhi@neh.gov; or go to: http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=10743&mode=VIEW. GrantID: GD1473

Outreach, Education, and Technical Assistance for Public Safety Community Interoperability Efforts-Technical Service. *Department of Homeland Security* announces funds to help establish a strong technical foundation to guide the public safety community as it moves forward in defining requirements and architecture framework, conducting gap analyses, and ultimately developing interface standards for public safety communications. Eligible applicants include public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is October 13, 2006. Approximately $4,000,000 is available to fund 8 awards. For further information, contact Karen Shields at (202) 447-5606 or Karen.Shields@dhs.gov; or go to: http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=10803&mode=VIEW. GrantID: GD1482

Universal Design Leadership Project. *The National Endowments of the Arts* announces funds to create

greater public awareness of and demand for universal designed environments, by educating designers, consumers, educators, developers, city planners, and others on this important design process. Project shall involve collaboration with the targeted audiences, using innovative strategies in order to meet the broad social need, while bringing universal design into the mainstream. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, state governments, and nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is November 2, 2006. Approximately $50,000 is available. A match is required. For further information, contact William Hummel at (202) 682-5417 or hummelw@arts.gov ; or go to: http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=10744&mode=VIEW. GrantID: GD1484

We the People Challenge Grants in U.S. History, Institutions, and Culture. *National Endowment for the Humanities* announces funds to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for humanities activities that explore significant themes and events in American history, thereby advancing knowledge of the founding principles of the U.S. in their full historical and institutional context. Funds may be used to support long-term costs such as construction and renovation, purchase of equipment, acquisitions, and conservation of collections. Funds may also be used to establish or enhance endowments that generate expendable earnings for program activities. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2007. Approximately $1,000,000 is available. A match is required. For further information, contact the Office of Challenge Grants at (202) 606-8309 or challenge@neh.gov; or go to: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/wtpchallenge.html. GrantID: GD1485

District Opportunities

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF), and the Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). *Department of Housing and Community Development*

(DHCD) announces funds to support projects that focus on the following categories: Elderly Housing; Special Needs Housing; Preservation of Housing Affected by Expiring Federal Subsidies; New/ Substantial Rehabilitation of Housing (5 or more units); Homeownership; and Community Facilities to Serve Low to Moderate Income Persons. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and others. The deadline for applications is November 17, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. Approximately $45,000,000 is available. The RFP will be released on September 15, 2006, and may be obtained from DHCD, Development Finance Division, 801 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002, second floor reception desk. This material will also be available from the DHCD Web site on or about October 6, 2006. DHCD will host a Pre-Application Conference on September 27, 2006, 9:00 a.m.-noon, 801 North Capitol Street, NE, 9th Floor Boardroom, Washington, DC 20002. For further information, go to: http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/dhcd/section/2/release/9558. GrantID: GD1483

Emergency Rental Assistance Program. *Department of Human Services (DHS)* invites applications from organizations that have demonstrated administrative capacity, can provide services through a network of locations, and can include case management services to all families for whom case management appears warranted. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is October 15, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. Approximately $7,700,000 is available to fund 3-4 awards. The RFA will be available on September 15, 2006, and may be obtained from DHS, Office of Grants Management, 64 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC, 6th Floor, Room 6201. DHS will host a Pre-Application Conference on September 22, 2006, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., DHS Headquarters, 64 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC, 6th Floor Conference Room. For further information, contact Priscilla Burnett at (202) 671-4407; or go to: http://opgd.dc.gov. GrantID: GD1486

Victim Assistance Fund. *Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice/Office of Victim Services* announces funds to ensure accessible, comprehensive and effective mental health services, including trauma treatment, to children victimized by abuse and neglect. Eligible applicants include

nonprofits and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is October 17, 2006, at 12:01 p.m. The RFA will be available on September 18, 2006, and may be obtained at http://opgd.dc.gov, select District Grants Clearinghouse. For further information, contact Bryan Criswell at (202) 727-0957 or bryan.criswell@dc.gov; or go to: http://opgd.dc.gov. GrantID: GD1474

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: http://opgd.dc.gov/, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

University of the District of Columbia/State Education Agency, Adult and Family Literacy Services Grant, September 5, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

Department of Human Services, Infants and Toddlers, September 11, 2006, at 3:30 p.m.

Department of Health, 2006 Ryan White Title I Home Health, September 11, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

DC Public Schools, District of Columbia Public Charter Schools FY2006 Dissemination Grant Program, September 20, 2006, at 4:30 p.m.

Department of Human Services, Early Readers Now, September 28, 2006, at 3:30 p.m.

Office of the Secretary, Escheated Estates Fund, September 29, and December 28, 2006.

REVISED. *Department of Health,* FY 2007 Ryan White Title I EMA-Wide Grant, October 17, 2006.

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Foundation Opportunities

Aging. *American Federation for Aging Research* announces funds to assist in the development of the careers of junior investigators committed to pursuing careers in the field of aging research. Projects funded include: understanding the basic mechanisms of aging; investigating age-related diseases, especially if

approached from the point of view of how basic aging processes may lead to these outcomes; and mechanisms underlying common geriatric functional disorders, as long as these include connections to fundamental problems in the biology of aging. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is December 15, 2006. Approximately 15 awards up to $60,000 are available. For further information, go to: http://www.afar.org/. GrantID: GD1479

Community Action Grants. *American Association of University Women Educational Foundation* announces funds to provide seed money for new projects that promotes education and equity for women and girls and start-up funds for programs that address the particular needs of the community and develop girls' sense of efficacy through leadership or advocacy opportunities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and individuals. The deadline for applications is January 17, 2007. Awards ranging from $2,000-$10,000 are available. A match is required. For further information, go to: http://www.aauw.org/. GrantID: GD1481

Community and Educational Funds. *MetLife Foundation* announces funds for the purpose of supporting educational, health, and civic and cultural organizations. The programs goals are to strengthen communities, promote good health, and improve education. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There is no deadline date for applications. For further information, go to: http://www.metlife.com/Applications/Corporate/WPS/CDA/PageGenerator/0,1674,P284,00.html. GrantID: GD1478

Green Communities Initiative: Charrette Grants. *Enterprise and the Natural Resources Defense Council* announce funds for the purpose of coordinating green charrettes to transform the way America thinks about, designs, and builds affordable communities. Awards will assist housing developers with integrating green building systems in their developments and engage in a serious discussion of green design possibilities. Enterprise will award planning grants to affordable housing developers to coordinate green charrettes. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There is no deadline date for applications. Awards up to $5,000 are available. For further information, go to:

http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/about-essentials-grants.asp. GrantID: GD1477

State Farm Good Neighbor Service Learning Grant. *Youth Service America and State Farm Companies Foundation* announce funds to support youth (ages 5-25), teachers, or school-based service-learning coordinators in implementing service-learning projects for National and Global Youth Service Day, April 20-22, 2007. Projects can address any number of themes including the environment, disaster relief, health, teen issues, education, interfaith dialogue, intergenerational relationships, homelessness, and literacy. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, faith-based, and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is October 16, 2006. Awards up to $1,000 are available. For further information, go to: http://www.ysa.org/. GrantID: GD1480

The Substance Abuse Policy Research Program. *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)* announces funds to address issues related to substance use, one of the most pressing public health problems facing our nation. Projects are expected to increase understanding of public and private policy interventions to prevent, treat and reduce the harm caused by the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is November 14, 2006. Approximately $4,000,000 is available to fund awards ranging from $100,000-$400,000. For further information, contact RWJF at (336) 286-4548 or saprp@leaders.ccl.org; or go to: http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19686. GrantID: GD1475

Worldwide Grant Program. *Tourism Cares* supports projects or programs with the goal of capital improvements that serve to protect, restore, or conserve sites of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural significance; or the education of local host communities and the traveling public about conservation and preservation of sites of exceptional cultural, historical, or natural significance. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is October 1, 2006. For further information, go to: http://www.tourismcares.org/TourismCares/What%2BWe%2BDo/Grants/Worldwide%2BGrant%2BProgram/. GrantID: GD1476

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Resources & Announcements

One Day's Pay. *Serve DC* encourages citizens to give back to their communities through service and good deeds during the week of September 11, 2006. One Day's Pay is a nationwide, congressionally-endorsed effort to establish a long-term, meaningful and positive way to honor the victims, family members, survivors, rescue and recovery workers, and volunteers of the September 11, 2001 attacks. For further information, contact Serve DC at (202) 727-7925; or go to:
http://www.serve.dc.gov/cncs/cwp/view,a,1197,q,525262.asp.

Presidential Award for Reading and Technology. *International Reading Association* is accepting applications for the annual Presidential Award designed to honor educators in grades K-12 or equivalent who are making an outstanding and innovative contribution to the use of technology in reading education. Entrants must be educators who work directly with students ages 5-18 for all or part of the working day. Entries incorporating any brand of computers, operating systems, software applications, and other technologies such as TV or video are acceptable. The deadline for applications is November 15, 2006. For further information, go to: http://www.reading.org; or http://www.plato.com.

Youth Volunteer Recognition. *Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals*, recognize middle and high school students for volunteer community service. Local Honorees are selected at participating schools and organizations from each state including DC. State Honorees receive awards of $1,000 and all-expenses-paid trips DC. Ten National Honorees receive additional awards of $5,000. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2006. For further information, go to:
http://www.prudential.com/overview2/0%2C2155%2CintPageID%25253D8983%252526blnPrinterFriendly%25253D0%2C00.html?furl=%2Fspirit

Previous Announcements

Activists of Color Award. *The Alston/Bannerman Fellowship Program* is committed to advancing progressive social change by helping to sustain long-time activists of color. The program honors those who have devoted their lives to helping their communities organize for racial, social, economic, and environmental justice, and provides resources for organizers to take sabbaticals for reflection and renewal. The program seeks applicants whose work attacks root causes of injustice by organizing those affected to take collective action; challenges the systems that perpetrate injustice and effects institutional change; builds their community's capacity for self-determination and develops grassroots leadership; acknowledges the cultural values of the community; creates accountable participatory structures in which community members have decision-making power; and contributes to building a movement for social change by making connections between issues, developing alliances with other constituencies, and collaborating with other organizations. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2006. The award is approximately $15,000. For further information, go to: http://www.alstonbannerman.org/.

Celebrating Solutions Awards Program. *The Mary Byron Foundation* is accepting nominations from organizations that demonstrate an innovative approach to confronting and solving domestic violence. Eligible applicants include nonprofits and government-based programs that have been operating for a minimum of three years and specifically address the issue of domestic violence. The deadline date is September 22, 2006. Approximately 4 awards up to $10,000 are available. For further information, go to: http://www.marybyronfoundation.org/.

Children Serving Their Communities. *The Angel Soft Angels in Action Program* recognizes children ages 8-18 who have executed exemplary acts of service to benefit their community, a charity, or cause. The deadline date for nominations is October 1, 2006. Nominators who are 18 years or older may submit an essay of 200 words or less about the nominee's service accomplishments. The most outstanding service project will be named Program of the Year with the winner receiving $15,000. Two Grand Prizes of $10,000 and five First Prizes of $1,000 will also be awarded. Along with cash awards, the Program of the Year winner and both Grand Prize winners will receive a trip for two to Walt Disney World. For further information, go to: http://www.angelsoft.com/angelsinaction/awardsprogram2006.asp.

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Education. *National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)* announces funds to support teachers by paying a portion of their certification fee. Subsidy funds are awarded on a first come, first served basis. Eligible applicants must meet NBPTS eligibility guidelines and submit a District of Columbia Application for Assessment Fee Support to the program administrator. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2006. Awards up to $1,000 are available. For further information, go to: http://www.nbpts.org/resources/state_local_information/District%20of%20Columbia.

Federal Grant Guidelines. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* is the DC government's central clearinghouse of information on federal and private grants, including federal grant guidelines. Therefore, OPGD recently added a new page to its Web site – Federal Grant Guidelines. This page includes a chart of links to the different federal grant guidelines for: states, local governments, and Indian tribes; nonprofits; universities; hospitals; and for-profit businesses. Additional links to federal grant information are also provided. For further information, go to: http://opgd.dc.gov, select Federal Grant Guidelines.

Foundation-Sponsored Research. *The Foundation Center* provides access to PubHub, an institutional repository of foundation-funded documents covering the full scope of philanthropic activity in the U.S. PubHub includes research findings, fact sheets, policy briefs, annual reports, and many other types of reports. One may search by keyword or browse by subject, publication year, and by publishers, funders, or related organizations. For further information, go to: http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/pubhub/.

Guidelines for Accessible Digital Media. *The WGBH National Center for Accessible Media (NCAM)* announces publication of "Accessible Digital Media: Design Guidelines for Electronic Publications, Multimedia and the Web." These guidelines, providing step-by-step solutions for making a variety of electronic media accessible to users with sensory disabilities, are now available free of charge. For further information, go to: http://ncam.wgbh.org/publications/adm/.

Humanitarian Prize. *The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation* invites nominations for the 2007 Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize for organizations that have made extraordinary contributions toward alleviating human suffering anywhere in the world. The prize is not a grant based on future goals, but an award for recent and historic accomplishments. Nominated organizations may be nonprofit, charitable, and non-governmental organizations with an operating budget larger than $500,000. The deadline for nominations is November 6, 2006. A prize of $1.5 million is available. For further information, go to: http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/main.asp?id=43&side=1.

Nonprofit Training Series. *The Enhanced Business Information Center (e-BIC), in partnership with Southeastern University's (SEU) Center for Entrepreneurship,* will offer the following series of nonprofit workshops:

> *How to Start a Nonprofit: covers the essential tools needed to start a nonprofit organization;*
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> *Nonprofit Staff and Board Development: helps participants understand the crucial role that boards play in a nonprofit organization; staff development will also be discussed;*
>
> *Nonprofit Strategic Planning: covers the differences between strategic plans and business plans for nonprofit organizations; participants will also learn how to conduct SWOT and competitive analyses of their nonprofits; and*
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> *Fundraising for Nonprofits: will introduce fundraising planning and creating a standard grant format.*

The series will run once a month starting in September. For dates, times, locations, and other information, contact Katina Bolden at (202) 727-2241 or katina.bolden@dc.gov; or go to: http://app.calendar.rrc.dc.gov/monthView.aspx?cdlCalendars=11.

Technology Innovation Award. *NPower Greater DC Region*, a local nonprofit organization that provides technology services to other nonprofits, is accepting applications for its second annual NPower Technology Innovation Award given by Accenture.

The award recognizes nonprofits in the metropolitan DC region whose innovative use of technology has helped them improve key aspects of their operations and more effectively fulfill their missions. The award will honor a winner and two other finalists that best demonstrate how technology advancements have had a positive impact on: 1) their overall mission; 2) the efficiency of day-to-day operations; 3) the effectiveness in serving clients and key stakeholders; and 4) their fundraising, advocacy or volunteer efforts. The deadline for applications is September 15, 2006. Winners will receive free technology consulting and software products valued up to $35,000. For further information, contact NPower Greater DC Region at (202) 234-9670; or go to: www.npowergdcr.org/tia.htm.

Terner Prize in Affordable Housing. *Center for Community Innovation* seeks to recognize successful and innovative affordable housing projects and their leadership teams. The prize is being inaugurated to commemorate Don Terner and awarded to the affordable housing project and leadership team that best exemplify the spirit of Terner's work and commitment to affordable housing. The deadline for applications is September 18, 2006. The First Prize Award is $25,000. In addition, five finalist teams will be awarded leadership stipends of $5,000. For further information, go to: http://www-iurd.ced.berkeley.edu/cci/.

Upcoming Museum Grants for African American History and Culture. *Institute of Museum and Library Services* will announce funds to build professional capacity in the African American museum community. The program will provide opportunities for the staff of African American museums to gain knowledge and abilities in the areas of management, operations, programming, collections care and other museum skills identified as a high priority by applicants. It will provide an opportunity for African American museums to design projects that will enhance institutional capacity and sustainability by utilizing professional training, technical assistance, internships, outside expertise and other tools. See full announcement for eligibility requirements. The deadline for applications will be January 15, 2007. Please note that the full FY2007 application package for this opportunity will be posted approximately three months prior to the application deadline. Until that time, applications and

guidelines from the previous year are available for reference, but the current fiscal year application must be used when applying. Awards ranging from $5,000-$150,000 will be available. For further information, contact Christopher J. Reich at (202) 653-4685 or creich@imls.gov; or go to: http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=10539.

Using Free Online Tools: A Toolkit for Nonprofits. *NPower Seattle* provides a free report on tips to help nonprofits and nonprofit clients get the most out of online tools, with case study examples from their Earned Income Tax Credit Project. This toolkit describes a range of free online tools that have the potential to help nonprofits deliver services more effectively, and suggest some places to find more tools. For further information and to access the report, go to: http://www.npowerseattle.org/education/eitclinks.htm

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